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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and Charles R. Pine, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), announced the sentencing of business partners Stanley H. Zabel and H. Kent Street, for violating federal law prohibiting individuals from structuring cash transactions in an attempt to cause a financial institution to not file Currency Transaction Reports (CTR) with the Internal Revenue Service. Both Zabel and Street were also sentenced for violating personal income tax IRS laws.

The Honorable U.S. District Judge Leonie M. Brinkema sentenced Stanley H. Zabel, 56, of Alexandria, VA, today to two years probation and 60 days incarceration, and ordered him to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$66,231.43. On November 4, 2005, the Honorable U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee sentenced H. Kent Street to 60 days in prison followed by 4 months of home detention, and ordered him to pay restitution to the Internal Revenue Service in the amount of \$148,081.

Zabel and Street, co-owners and operators of the Swimming Pool Doctor in McLean, VA, attempted to hide cash and income from the IRS when they structured \$67,000 in deposits and withdrawals at the McLean and Tyson's Corner, Virginia branches of Cardinal Bank. "Structuring" involves the illegal splitting up of cash deposits or withdrawals into smaller amounts in order to avoid a bank's discovery of large cash transactions. The Bank Secrecy Act requires that banks report cash deposits or withdrawals of over \$10,000 to the IRS. "Structuring" is also a method employed by those attempting to evade taxes or hide income from the IRS.

These cases were investigated by the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark D. Lytle.

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